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Introduction

This paper is fully responsive to the restriction requirement mailed on December 20, 2005, and in which applicant was given the longer of 3 months or 30 days from the mailing of the action so that the due date is March 20, 2006. This paper being mailed on March 17, 2006 is thus timely filed.

This paper includes an election of claims and a claim listing per MPEP 714 wherein the non-elected claims are indicated as "withdrawn". Applicants submit that this paper complies with the formal requirements of the Patent Rules.